

Punta Gorda Lodge No. 115



F. & A. M.

Meets in Stat-
ed Communi-
cation second
Thursday in each month at
7:30 p. m. Special com-
munications at call of W.M.

Members Urged to be Pres-
ent at all Meetings. Visiting
Brethren Always Welcome.

Punta Gorda Chapter No. 58

Meets every first and
third Fridays, 7:30 p. m.,
in regular business session.
Visiting members always
welcomed.

AMY McQUEEN, Matron
MINNIE VANCAMP, Sec.

LOCAL ITEMS

There will be Easter services in
all the churches, Sunday.

County commissioners and
school board meet Monday.

Mr. McMahon, the candy maker,
visited Arcadia, yesterday.

Mr. Hanshaw and E. Keen vis-
ited Arcadia, yesterday.

Dr. J. C. Davis, the optometrist,
left Tuesday evening for Wauchu-
la.

Most of the help of Hotel Punta
Gorda left for the north Tuesday
evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman C. Hewitt
and their cousin, Russell Hewitt,
motored to Tampa and back Tues-
day.

The jacaranda tree in the Mc-
Adow front yard is now one huge
plume of purple splendor and is
attracting great and general ad-
miration.

For Arsenate Lead Paste, Ar-
senate Lead Powder, Arsenate
Zinc Powder and Bordeaux Mix-
ture call on Cooper Hardware Co.
—Stf.—adv.

Mr. and Mrs. Snider and their
little son, accompanied by Miss
Searce, after enjoying a sojourn
of three months here, left yester-
day morning for their home in
Shelbyville, Ky.

The grand chapter of the Order
of the Eastern Star will meet in
Jacksonville on April 11th and
12th. The Punta Gorda chapter
will be represented by Mrs. Amy
McQueen, the worthy matron.

Large quantities of vegetables
are being shipped from here dai-
ly. They are chiefly beans, pep-
pers and cucumbers, all of which
are said to be bringing good
prices. Small lots of cabbage and
eggplant are being shipped.

Some wretched prevaricator
managed, Monday night, to dis-
seminate by wire and otherwise a
seemingly well authenticated re-
port that, in the fighting that day,
the British had captured the Ger-
man crown prince and 130,000 of
his men. This caused great re-
joicing in Punta Gorda and other
places in this region, but disgust
and disappointment followed on
Tuesday morning, when it became
known that there was no truth in
the report. Any fellow sending
out such a premature "April fool"
ought to be shot as prescribed by
Dr. Stone.

An extra big show will be given
at The Plaza Theatre Friday
night. The regular serial will be
run and a screaming farce, "A
Bedroom Blunder," accompanies
it. Besides these features, Burton
Holmes's beautiful Travelogues
will be run every Friday night for
some time.—adv.—1t.

Tomorrow will be good Friday;
next Sunday will be Easter.

D. J. Hobbs attended to busi-
ness in Tampa, Saturday.

Jno. R. Hurton and Col. Chad-
man visited Arcadia, Friday.

E. A. White passed through here
yesterday morning on his way
from Fort Myers to Jacksonville.

Misses Blanche Glenn and Jose-
phine Reid brightened Arcadia
with their presence, Saturday.

Mrs. Demere of Pineland, is
spending the week here with her
daughter, Mrs. Calvin Page.

Miss Julia Yates, an attractive
young lady from Sarasota, is en-
joying a fortnight's visit here as
the guest of Miss Josephine Reid.

Painting and decorating—inter-
ior and exterior work. I have had
years of experience and will give
you honest service at right prices.
—J. Harvey Miller. (adv.)

E. V. Camp, supervising engi-
neer of the construction of the
great bridge across the harbor
here, spent Friday and Saturday
here inspecting the work, which he
pronounced satisfactory.

Mrs. J. S. Jackson, jr., and her
daughter, Miss Corinne, enjoyed a
call last week from E. W. Wheel-
er, a loyal friend from their form-
er home in Brunswick, Me. Mr.
Wheeler spent several days here as
a guest of Hotel Punta Gorda.

An old man named Thomas died
at the county farm Tuesday, and
was buried yesterday. He left a
widow who is in a pitiable condi-
tion, being blind and as helpless as
a child and has no one to see after
her.

The dog tax is now due, and the
town marshal has been ordered to
kill every dog on which the tax is
not promptly paid. It is \$2.50 a
year. If your dog is not worth
that much to you, sell him to some
Tampa sausage maker.

Moore Haven Times, Mch. 22.—
A party consisting of County Com-
missioner W. M. Whitten, M. W.
Sturdy, J. H. Hancock and C. M.
Carrier, of Punta Gorda, visited
Moore Haven this week, and they
were somewhat astonished at the
big growth at this end of the coun-
ty. Of the future course of Com-
missioner Whitten, The Times will
have more to say next week.

Fleming Rhode arrived here on
a short furlough, Friday night,
and, after mingling with his many
friends here till Tuesday, started
that day on his return to Camp
Wheeler, Macon, Ga. All of us
were glad to note that he was in
the best of health, and all Punta
Gorda hopes that he will come out
of the world war without a scratch
and with the glory that he de-
serves.

Lieut. A. H. VanDorn of the a-
viation service, writes that, as
there is no suitable landing place
for airplanes at Punta Gorda, and
as he wishes Punta Gorda people
to see a fully equipped modern
airplane, he will bring down one
of his largest planes and land it in
the big meadow near the Cleve-
land depot at 9 o'clock, next Mon-
day morning, when he will be
pleased to exhibit it to all our cit-
izens. He will remain at Cleve-
land only an hour and then fly
back to camp.

Dr. Cline and two little sons
were here in the doctor's auto
yesterday afternoon.

Another lot of those genial win-
ter visitors who have added vast-
ly for four or five months past to
the life of local society as well as
to business interests, departed for
their homes this morning. Amongst
them were Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Ken-
ny and Mrs. Molly Rag-
land, Louisville, Ky., and Mr. and
Mrs. Joseph Newbigging, Detroit,
Mich. They all said they had had
a delightful time here.

An audience of fair size enjoyed
a very interesting lecture that was
delivered in the Plaza Theatre last
Sunday night, by Prof. W. M. Her-
see of New York. The lecture
was given under the auspices of
the International Bible Students
Association, and the subject was
"The Golden Age—When and
Where." It was very encourag-
ing to those who look forward to
the coming of an era in human
progress when wars shall cease
and happiness prevail throughout
the world.

All naturalists believe that the
owl is a carnivorous creature, liv-
ing only on mice, moles and in-
sects that crawl at night; but, last
week, the Cochran Drug Co. of
Punta Gorda came into possession
of a half-grown owl of the larger
species that eats turnip "greens"
with avidity. This Cochran owl
is undoubtedly graminivorous as
well as carnivorous. Many people
have called and been interested in
seeing it eat "greens." None of
the species of owls should be kill-
ed, for they do not eat chickens,
as has for years been imagined,
but they do lots of good by de-
stroying various creatures that
commit injurious depredations by
night.

The many friends of Dr. and
Mrs. D. N. McQueen will be deep-
ly grieved to learn that the
life of their bright and lovable
5-year old son, Charles Holder-
by, is despaired of. The parents,
accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. H.
R. Dreggors, Mrs. J. N. Sikes and
Dr. Cline, took the child up to Ar-
cadia, last evening, to have him
operated on for appendicitis, but
the several doctors decided that
he could not survive an operation
and would live only some twelve
hours. Truly, it is a very sad
case, and everybody who knew
the dear little boy will feel person-
al grief at his loss.

The store of A. J. Kinsel was
burglarized on the night of the
20th and about \$75.00 in cash and
a few articles of merchandise were
stolen. Most of the money was in
the iron safe, which was not lock-
ed by the combination, and there
were a few dollars in the cash
drawer, all of which was taken.
Neither the locks on the store
doors nor the fastenings of the
windows showed any signs of hav-
ing been tampered with. Sus-
picion attached to a former em-
ployee, a young man of respecta-
ble family, and he was arrested by
Sheriff Dishong Friday, and
placed in jail in Arcadia. On his
person was found considerable
money, amongst it a ten-dollar
gold certificate, which Kinsel id-
entified as having been amongst
the bills in his safe. He and his
sister claimed that the money was
their own lawful property.

At the Presbyterian Church

Easter service Sabbath morning
at 11 o'clock. Beautiful floral
decorations and special and ap-
propriate music will be rendered
by the choir. The sermon will be
adapted also for the occasion. In
connection with the opening exer-
cises it is expected that the ordi-
nation of the newly elected elders
under the Rotary system will oc-
cur. The members and general
public are cordially invited. Sun-
day school immediately before
this service.

Mid-week service Wednesday
evening at 7:30. At the close of
this service, any who desire to
unite with the church can have op-
portunity.

The Lord's Supper will be ad-
ministered Sunday morning April
7th. Boy Scouts service on the
evening of this day.

We Have Just Received

A New Line of Gossard Corsets

Dress Gingham, Percales, Silks,

Plain and Fancy Voiles, Ladies'

Georgette Crepe de Chine and

Voile Shirtwaists.

New Spring and Summer Goods Arriving Daily.

Punta Gorda Dry Goods Company.

"Everything To Wear"

A request has been made of the
management of The Plaza Theatre
to run a show on Sunday nights
for the soldiers who are down here
for the week end. Arcadia was
asked to run a Sunday show for
the same reason, and Punta Gorda
will be glad to do anything to give
our soldier boys clean, legitimate
entertainment.—1t.—adv.

Chas. Plummitt and Mr. Hewitt,
after spending the winter here at
the Blazer cottage, left yesterday
for their homes. The former lives
at Amelia, Ohio; the latter, at
Kankakee, Ills.

Prize for English Composition

Hon. John H. McQuaid, an en-
terprising and patriotic citizen of
Sparkman, this county, offers a
\$5.00 war saving bond as a prize
for the best composition to be
written by a member of the pres-
ent senior class of the Punta
Gorda high school. The contest may
be set for any time during the ap-
proaching commencement exer-
cises or immediately after them.
Subject will be given when the
contestants are assembled and
ready for work. No preliminary
preparation permitted.

A committee of teachers will be
expected to superintend and di-
rect the contest and three disin-
terested and impartial judges will
be selected to decide which is the
best composition.

Mr. McQuaid, in making his of-
fer, has two objects in view, viz:
To encourage the study of pres-
ent world history with a view to
promoting patriotism, and, second,
to stimulate efforts at efficiency in
English composition.

Some other patriotic citizen
should supplement his offer by
contributing a prize for the second
best composition.

Club Meeting

The M. L. S. C. met at the home
of Mrs. B. H. Mobley March 21st,
15 ladies present. The responses
were interesting, being miscella-
neous, brings various things that
all are interested in. The hostess
prepared a tea party the T being
the important part, but was all on
paper. Mrs. Speck gained the
prize.

Some of the ladies contributed
toward the work done at the Sol-
diers' Club room. The hostess
served a drink which was very ac-
ceptable, as the refreshments are
abandoned for the time being, and
the hostess is to give \$1.00 to-
ward buying material for the Red
Cross work.

The next meeting will be with
Mrs. W. E. Mobley, April 4th, re-
sponses to be miscellaneous.—
MRS. S. J. HEWITT, Sec.

Lawn Party

One of the most enjoyable en-
tertainments of the season was the
lawn party given by Mrs. C. L.
Fries to her guest, Mrs. Nellie
Brandon of Atlanta. There were
between sixty and sixty-five
friends of the two ladies present.
Mrs. Fries had placed benches and
chairs under the fruit trees in her
spacious back yards.

Several games of contest were
engaged in, and all enjoyed them.
Delightful refreshments of ice-
cream and cake were passed a-
round by the several young ladies
present.

We all thank Mrs. Fries for a
very pleasant afternoon.—
GUEST.

Take Herbine for indigestion: It re-
lieves the pain in a few minutes and
forces the fermented matter which causes
the misery into the bowels where it is ex-
pelled. Price 50c. Sold by COCHRAN
DRUG CO. (adv.)

IN TWO YEARS

I Have Grown From a One-Man Shop
to a Store Employing

TWO FIRST-CLASS WATCH-MAKERS

Making Three With Myself,
and We Are All Busy.

BRING US YOUR WORK

WE REPAIR WATCHES, JEWELRY, CLOCKS AND DO ENGRAVING.

I am constantly adding new lines, and
you can get most anything here kept in a

FIRST-CLASS JEWELRY STORE. COME SEE US.

F. W. JONES, Jeweler,
ARCADIA, FLORIDA.

LAKELAND LAUNDRY AGENCY

AT PHOENIX BARBER SHOP

Basket closes 2 p. m. Wednesdays, returns Saturday
noon. A trial will convince you of superiority of work.
Leave your next bundle.

For Cleaning, Pressing, Etc.
Steam Pressing Club.

For All Tonsorial Work Try
Phoenix Barber Shop.